

REMARKS

Claims 32-43 are presented for consideration, with Claims 32, 33, 42 and 43 being independent.

The specification has been amended to include the continuing data of the subject application and to improve its idiomatic English form. The abstract has been replaced.

Claims 1-31 have been cancelled and replaced with Claims 32-43.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>	<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
Yoichi Takagi, et al.	09/010,618	January 22, 1998

A copy of the above-identified application is enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), copies of the listed documents are not enclosed because they are of record in related Application No. 09/330,153.

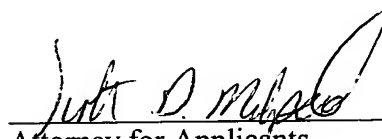
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott D. Malpede", is written over a horizontal line.

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		5,066,833	11/1991	Zalenski	178	19	
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		5,581,278	12/1996	Sugai, et al.	345	187	
		6,067,064	05/2000	Furuhashi, et al.	345	89	
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		G. Dittmer, "Electrical Conduction and Electron Emission of Discontinuous Thin Films", Thin Solid Films, pp. 317-328 (1972).					
		M. Hartwell, et al., "Strong Electron Emission from Patterned Tin-Indium Oxide Thin Films", International Electron Devices Meeting, pp. 519-521 (1975).					
		H. Araki, et al., "Electroforming and Electron Emission of Carbon Thin Films", Journal of the Vacuum Society of Japan, Vol. 26, No. 1, pp. 22-29 (January 26, 1983).					
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